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21. [] LIAISON John Chunta and Bob Price, GAO, visited Headquarters for a briefing on the efforts the CIA makes in the development and compilation of drug statistics. [] C/IAB/OG/NAR and [] NFAC/ORPA, reviewed with them in a general way, the difficulty in arriving at reliable statistics with respect to illicit drug traffic. Chunta understood the problems involved, appreciated what little information we were able to give him and indicated that he may get back to us with some specific questions.

22. [] LIAISON Jason Cooke, Staff Associate, Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs, House International Relations Committee, called to express the Subcommittee's appreciation for the paper on South and Central American illegal migration, which we had sent to the Committee recently. Cooke indicated that it was a very impressive piece of work, thorough in its analyses and that it was an important addition to the Committee's literature on the subject. I thanked Cooke for his thoughtfulness and called [] NFAC/CSS, asking him to convey the appreciation of the Committee to the people who prepared the report.

23. [] LIAISON Ryan Conroy, who is on the staff of Senator Alan D. Cranston (D., Calif.), called to ask why we had sent suggested replies on two recent constituent inquiries, instead of an Agency letter? I explained to her that in the case of [] and the [] when the subject matter was sensitive, we employ the suggested reply method to avoid getting official comment out in the open. I assured her that the facts contained in the suggested reply were accurate. She indicated the Senator preferred to receive letters from the Agency and I informed her that we do this in all cases, except in those unusual circumstances where the matter is currently sensitive.

24. [] LIAISON Cary Orlando, on the staff of Representative Lawrence P. McDonald (D., Ga.), called to see whether [] the Soviet media reaction to U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young's comments on political prisoners. He indicated that the Congressman planned to have a press conference on this subject later in the day. After checking with FBIS/Liaison, I informed Orlando that the Library of Congress [] he could check it himself to see what the Soviet media reaction may have been. He said he would do so.